

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) Laminate comprising:

alternating metal layers and at least one plastic bonding layer,

each of said metal layers comprising two metal layer sections that have mutually overlapping ends whose opposing surfaces are bonded to one another, one of said mutually overlapping ends being bent twice in opposite directions ~~to form a Z-shape~~ so that said two metal layer sections are extensions of one another, and

a fill that is not one of the metal layers, said fill having a thickness at least such that at the location of the fill the laminate has a thickness equal to a total thickness of the mutually overlapping ends of said metal layer sections and said at least one plastic bonding layer.

2. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the fill is on at least one side of two of the mutually overlapping ends.

3. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the fill is on both sides of two of the mutually overlapping ends.

4-5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the laminate has a first region in which there is at least one said fill and a second region without said fill.

7. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the fill comprises at least one metal layer and at least one plastic bonding layer.

8. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the fill comprises at least a further metal layer with a thickness greater than that of said metal layers.

9. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic bonding layer comprises a layer of adhesive.

10. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic bonding layer comprises a fibre layer that has been impregnated with an adhesive.

11. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the fill is interlaminar.

12. (previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 2, wherein the fill is on both sides of two of the mutually overlapping ends.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) Laminate according to claim 1, wherein outside of the mutually overlapping ends, each respective one of said metal layers is at a respective same level.

16. (previously presented) Laminate according to claim 6, wherein said second region has a smaller thickness than said first region.

17. (currently amended) Laminate comprising:

plural metal layers that each comprise two metal layer sections that have, in a first region, overlapping ends whose opposing surfaces are bonded to one another, one of said overlapping ends being bent twice in opposite directions ~~to form a Z-shape~~ and being at level of an adjacent one of said plural metal layers, wherein in a second region separate from said first region said two metal layer sections are at a same level of the laminate; and

a fill that is not one of the metal layers, said fill being between an adjacent pair of said plural metal layers in said second region, said fill having a thickness so that the laminate has a same thickness in said first and second regions.

18. (previously presented) Laminate according to claim 17, further comprising respective bonding layers between adjoining ones of said plural metal layers and between said fill and adjoining ones of said plural metal layers.

19. (previously presented) Laminate according to claim 18, wherein said fill is metal.

20. (new) Laminate comprising:

alternating metal layers and at least one plastic bonding layer,

each of said metal layers comprising two metal layer sections that have mutually overlapping ends whose opposing surfaces are bonded to one another, one of said mutually overlapping ends being bent twice in opposite directions so that said two metal layer sections are extensions of one another,

an overlapping zone within which the overlapping ends are located, and

a fill outside the overlapping zone and having a thickness at least such that at the location of the fill the laminate has a thickness equal to a total thickness of the mutually overlapping ends of said metal layer sections and said at least one plastic bonding layer.